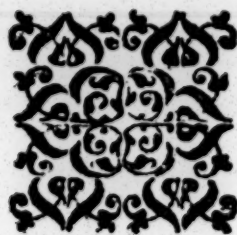


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Deuenter.

*With the honourable enterprife of Sir Roger
Williams, Knight : performed vpon a thousande and
two hundredth of the enemyes Souldiours or Leagors, lying at
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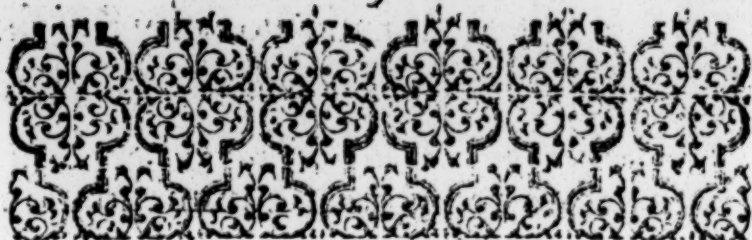
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A Particuler of the yeelding vp of
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of Deuenter.



HE honorable seruices
that the right worship-
full Sir *Francis Vere* hath
performed since his be-
ing in the Lowe Coun-
tries, hath beene such as
hath eternized his re-
nowne, and runge the fame of his name, not
onely into the eares of his freendes & fauou-
rers, but also into the hearts of his enemies
now remaining in those forraine parts wher
he is gouernour, to their great terror, and his
vnspokeable comfort. In remembrance of
whose braue seruices performed, forasmuch
as I haue now to deliuer publicly the pol-

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litique attempt of the saide woorthy Knight, lately atchiued, so will I not also be vnmindfull, to record some of the rare seruices which he hath before to his great commendations effected. As first, his finishing of *Raies* skonce left vnfinished by sir *Martin Skinck*, next, his great and honourable exployt, which he vndertooke for the victualing of the Towne of *Barke*, where in valiant manner hee greatlie impayred the strength and power of the Prince of *Parma*, and slew with the sworde, drowned & tooke prysoners, to the number of fixe thousand persons: albeit he had but a smal company in respect of that huge Army. But God was the worker of this great wonder, by causing the Spaniards to fall out with the Italians, and so of themselues going together by the eares, ran confusedly vppon the Rereward, where they thought to haue found a company of feeble Duchmen: but heere (farre contrary to theyr expectation,) they founde planted this valiant Knight, with his troupes of couragious Englishmen, who together with some aide, wrought the confusi-
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on of so many as is afforesayde.

In which conflict there was slaine at that time, one Marquesse and sundry other Captaines of great valour & credite, which were on the enemies side.

After this hee tooke the Towne of *Breda* by great pollicie, moneying the Gouvernours thereof, and hath since subdued many other Townes.

I may not forget the Towne of *Buricke*, nor *Graue skonce*, where hee behaued hymselfe, to the high commendation of all English Souldiors. *Hemarte* and *Haile*, *Steenbargen*, and many other Townes: all these hee hath Souldiour-like, attempted to winne with the sworde, and gotten them since hys going ouer: still ioyning his forces, power, & pollicies, with the the powers of the *Graue van Mawrice*, whose strength more & more doth dayly increase, whose valiancy and forwardnes is such and so great, as may be in any man at armes, that intendeth to be reuenged vpon those trayterous people, for the innocent bloodshed and vntimely death of his
deceased

deceased Father.

A notable exploit had beene giuen by this valiant Knight, & by him a valiant peece of seruice had beene performed vppon the Towne of Dunkerke, to the ouerthrow of the trecherous aduersaries therein, had not the same beene preuented by some secret intelligence, which was giuen vnto them concerning the same.

Nowe this valiant Gouvernour sir *Frauncis Vere*, seeing the Skonce of *Zutphen* held verie strongly, & hauing by sundry meanes sought to win it, as well by force as policie, (wherin, though he failed) yet purposed he to obtaine it by one means or other: wherupon with an vndaunted resolution, hee determined to put this practise in prooffe, which in the end God be thanked, came to good successe. Hee caused fundry of his Souldiours, secretly to be apparelled in the habite of poore Market folks, as well of men as women, som driuing of Oxen, some of Kine, some of Sheepe, some of Hogs, and some driuing of Goates.

These people thus being driuing of Cattle,
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were pursued & chased by some Souldiours, as though they had beene their enemies, by meanes whereof the Cattle and poore people were receiued by the enemye, intending to succour the, while without any suspicion those poore people being couragious souldiours, hauing got the gates opened, seized vppon the Keepers thereof, so that in the meane time the other issued, and immediatly sir *Frauncis Vere* folowed with a sufficient troupe of horse-men, and foote. This was doone vpon the 13. of May last past, at what time hee tooke the Skonse, and now e enioyeth the same peaceably without any losse of men.

On the 15. day of May folowing, the Countie *Maurice*, sonne to the renowned for Chivalry *VVilliam* of *Nassau* Prince of *Orange*, being accompanied with sir *Frauncis Vere*, besieged the towne of *Zutphen*, with nine thousand foote-men, and seauenteene hundred horse-men.

On the 18. day of May, there was planted thirty & sixe, (others say but twenty & sixe) peeces for battry against the wals of *Zutphen*,

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al which they did discharge som two or three times, wherupon the Townsmen fell to parly and composition, so that vpon the 19. day of May, the Towne was yeelded vppe into the hands of the Countie *Maurice*, vpon condition that the souldiours in the Towne, beeing on the enemies side, might haue their lyues preferued, that they might not goe to *Deuenter*, but to depart with bag and baggage: some of them offering to serue the Countie *Maurice*, which he graciously accepted, offering vnto them all, that those who woulde serue him, should haue entertainment, vwhereupon one Ensigne of Wallouns tarried in his seruice, with some of the enemies chiefeſt Capitaines.

Now when the Countie *Maurice* had thus obtained the Towne of *Zutphen*, hee fortified & replenished the same with Souldiours, out of his ovvne troupes, and leauing it well & in good order, he departed the next day towards *Deuenter*, except some small number, who went to besiege a Castle, which they tooke, and then returned to the Campe.

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There is great likeli-hood that *Deuenter* is by thys time yeelded: for such is the valiant courage of the Countie *Mawrice*, & sir *Frauncis Vere*, that doubtles by Gods assistance, they do not pretend to rayse theyr siege, vntil they haue obtained it, and constrained them to yeeld it vp, with speed.

At the planting of the Ordinaunce, there vvas a great mishap befell vppon the Countie *Mawrice* side, for the valiant Countie of *Obersteyn* was slaine.

Thus haue you heard particularly discoursed, the true newes of the taking of *Zutphen* Skorce, and of the yeelding of the Towne, with the besieging of *Deuenter*, where the Captaines and Gouvernours now in siege against it, are not onely couragious but also such as do put their whole trust in the lyuing God: and therefore are resolved that hee will preserue them, that he will strengthen & defende them against the strength of the enemy, who though hee be neuer so strong, yet God is alwaies stronger then he, as appeareth

by thys ensuing discourse of sir Roger *Willi-*
ams, whose valour hath beene oft-times tryed
 in the face of the enimie: in which Historie
 appeareth, that if strength of men might
 haue preuailed, it had beene vnpossible for
 him to haue escaped with lyfe. The God of
 heauen prosper them all, graunt them to ouer
 come theyr aduersaries, and send thẽ to Eng-
 land with trymphant victory. *Amen.*

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THE HONOVABLE
Enterprife of Sir Roger Williams
Knighte.

Performed vpon a thoufande and two hun-
dred of the Enemies Souldiours, or Leagors,
lying at *Cinque Saunce*, nine leagues
from *Deepe*.

*Who were all put to the sword, vpon Thursday before
Whitfunday last, being the xx. day of May.
Anno. 1591.*



HE honorable attēpts
which that renowned
Knight Sir Roger Wil-
liams, hath sundry times
made vpon the enemy,
not onely by entering
by force of Armes into
his strongest holdes, but also in withstanding
and resisting his mightie and huge multitude
of Armed men, that haue sundry times to
theyr great losse, assaulted, & made offers for
entrance into such Townes and holds wher-
of hee hath had charge: hath giuen mee iust

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cause to publish thys his most laudable enterprise, which vvas lately performed against two Regiments of Souldiours, both hardie and skilfull, (although on the enemies side,) who hauing a wrong cause in hand, are ouerthrown by the outstretched Arme of the Almighty, the one Regiment appertaining to *Lorrayne*, the other to *Mounsier de la Lownde*.

These two regiments came from *Roan*, & planted themselues at *Cinque Saunce*, supposing there to inhabite, and to surprise and gette victuals for theyr mayntenaunce. To thys ende they fortified themselues round about with *Barricadoes*, which kind of fortification is verie strong: yet for that it may the more easily be vnderstood of the simple sort of people, I haue thought good to describe it heere in more plaine manner, that they may as well know and vnderstand it, as those that haue beene continually trayned vppe in Martiall exercises.

Thys kind of Fortification called the *Barricadoes*, is Pipes, Hogs-heads, Wine vessels, and such like, which beeing filled and harde
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rammed with earth, are sette close one by one, each by other, and one vppon another, which is of such force and weight that they can not be easily remooued or entred into, but standeth as strong as any Mudde-vvall, wherinto shotte of very great force cannot enter but recoyle: thus were they enclosed, as is aforesaid, within thys *Barricadoes*, and none durst passe by them for feare of theyr lyues.

But these two Regiments for theyr better safetie, omitted not the hammering in theyr heades, howe they might finde meanes for the same: and so consented, that for theyr more assurance, they placed a troupe of horse-men in a Woode, distant two leagues off frō the place where they had fortified theselues, the same Wood beeing full in the passage or high-way frō *Deepe*, supposing thereby, that if any resistance shoulde come from *Deepe*, (which they greatly doubted) that some of those horse-men might retyre backe onelie to giue intelligence vnto the two regiments, whereby they might not onely come themselves,

selues for the surprysing of the power , but thereby also procure a fresh supply frō *Roan*, to backe them if occasion should serue.

The Gouvernour of *Deepe*, named *Monsieur de Chartres*, with Sir *Roger Williams*, who lately came thether , and being there at that present , hauing receiued intelligence of the fortification, and intent of the Enemy, together with the great strength of the *Barricades*, resolved speedily to depart from *Deepe*, which they did the same euening, taking theyr iourney towardes *Cinque Saunce*, which is nine Leagues from thence. Thys was on Wednesday in the euening, before Whitsonday last, and trauailing all the night, came to the Wood on the next morning being Thursday, hauing with them foure hundred French-men , & three hundred Englishmen, where they found a troupe of horse-men to resist theyr passage, vpon whom they made a very fierce assault: but the Englishmen gaue such a hote charge vpo them, that all those horse-men were soone surprised & slaine, so that none of the escaped any waie,
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to discover any thing heereof vnto those that lay fortified in the *Barricadoes*. Thus leauing the dead bodies of the hors-mé in the wood, & taking some of their horses, the Gouvernor & sir *Roger Villiams* passed along to *Cinque Saunce*, & being come thether before noone, they descried the enemy with their Ensignes displaid within their fortification. But the Gouvernour of *Deepe*, perceiuing their fortification to be wonderful strong, alleaged that it was vnpossible to enter it, & therefore perswaded sir *Roger* to goe back againe, and the rather considering that the enemy was two to their one.

But sir *Roger* who hath alwaies borne an vndaunted minde, and known to be a man greatly approued in such Martiall attempts, replyed, saying, that it were a great dishonor for him so to do, wherefore he chose to haue sette vpon them with his own three hundred men, though it should cost both him & them their liues, rather then to shrink from them, or to be daunted by their great countenance of strength, without attempting to enter the,

considering they were neere in fight one of another, and with this resolution aduanced his colours, marched towards them, meaning himselfe wyth his small company, by the assistance of God, vpon whom he onely trusted, eyther to enter and surprise them, or els to lose his life in that place.

The Gouvernour of *Deepe*, seeing the braue and most honourable resolution of Sir *Roger*, was wonderfully encouraged to the enterprise, and thereuppon protested to take part also in the saide attempt with his 4. hundred souldiours, what soeuer shold chaunce or be-tide vnto him, and thereuppon displayed hys Ensigne, and together with Sir *Roger*, vowed by Gods assistance to enter the *Barricades*, and to charge vpon the enemye. Whereuppon the Gouvernour cheered vp his souldiours, & willed the to fight in the behalfe of their law-ful King, whose right they were bound to defend, & whose right doubtles Almighty God wil prosper to the confusion of his enemies.

Sir *Roger Williams* also in very louing and familiar sort, as his vsuall custome is, cheered

vp his Souldiours, and vttered vnto them this
effectuall speech following.

The speech which Sir *Roger Williams* deliuered vnto his
Souldiours, before hee entred or begun the assault
on the enemies and Leagors at
Cinque Saunce.

MY welbeloued souldiours, freends, and
Countrimen, know that those on who
we presently purpose to charge, are
people of great skill, sufficiently trained vp in
Martiall Discipline, stout, hardy, and approo-
ued in wars: and that it is our greater honour
to deale with the, the one Regiment of these
souldiours are of *Lorrayne*, which is the prin-
cipallest strength & faction appertaining to
the house of *Guise*, or *Legors*, & the other re-
giment are gouerned by a Captaine of great
valour, who wil hazard hys life in the defence
of hys cause: yet forasmuch as theyr cause is
bad, no doubt their successe in the ende can-
not be good, howsoeuer it fall out with vs at
this present, they beeing two to one of vs.

Neuerthelesse consider, that in troth they
are but Traytors to their King, they are also

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disturbers of the state, and vpholders of such as are like themselves, euen Arch-traytors: who to depriue the King of life and dignitie, ensence and perswade these to take parts in theyr behalfe, thereby to vsurpe the Crowne and estate, contrary to right, law & dutie: for which, they not onely deserue sharpe death in this world, but also in the worlde to come, vtter destruction. And although they be far stronger in power then we, yet let vs put our trust in the Lord, and hee no doubt will fight for vs, yea it is that God that doubtles fighteth still for the faithfull, & strengtheneth the weaker sort if they trust vpon him: God hath from time to time daunted the harts of traytors, hee striketh terror and feare into theyr harts, & that with such suddain amazement, that commonly they are constrained to flye, and run stragling as sheepe without a sheepeheard: what know we if it be the pleasure of God to deale so fauourably with vs, as to deliuer our enemies this day into our handes? no doubt if we doe put our trust in him, hee wil not suffer one haire of our head to perish:

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yea he hath promised to the faithfull beleeuers in him, that he will treade their enemies in the dust.

Let vs therefore pray vnto him, and put our trust in him, & then we neede not doubt of the victory, notwithstanding their skyll, strength & courage, for God fighteth for vs, and therefore doubtlesse we shall preuaile against them. Thus doone, they prayed together hartily (to God) vpon their knees, to giue them the vpper hand ouer their enemies.

After they had prayed vnto Almighty God, and promised each to other, either to vanquish the enemy, or to die every man at the others feete, rather then they would flye one foote: they immediatlie refreshed themselves with such victuall as they had, and then marched forward with great courage, displayed their Ensignes, strooke vpon their Drums, & with their Trumpets sounded defiance to the enemies face. Thus with an vndaunted resolution, the valiant English Souldiours gaue a fierce charge vpon the enemy, & did assault them in such sorte, as if they had

not trauailed al night, or skirmished with any other before their cōming thither. This fight continued two houres space, in which tyme, much powder & shotte was spent against the *Barricadoes*, into which the Souldiours by strong hand valiantly entred, Sir Roger being one of the formost, who buckled and fought hand to hand with the principal Gouvernours of the enemies souldiours: against whom also the Gouvernour of *Deepe* issuing, did valiantly behaue himselfe. In the ende, such was the good successe of the English souldiours by stit hartening on the French-men, that the enemies were constrained to turne their backes, being not able to fight any longer, or to flye from them, by reason they were all enclosed within the compasse of the *Barricadoes*, as if it had been in a stone wall. Thus did the English and French souldiours put those tve Regiments of souldiours to the sworde, suffering none to escape aliue.

After it had pleased God to giue them this happy victory, they humbly vpon their knees gaue thanks vnto him for the same, singing
 Psalmes

Psalmes of prayse to the Highest, for prospering them in their enterprise, acknowledging that it was the outstretched Arme of G O D which had brought this miraculous thing to passe.

In thys battaile sir *Roger* and the Gouvernour of *Deepe* lost very fewe men, for in al, there was not slain of their side aboue eleuen men, besides a few that were hurt, and in such fort, as that they are like soone to be cured.

The Generals heereupon tooke order, not to stay at anie hand, but speedily to returne againe to *Deepe*, suspecting, least some fresh supply should come from *Roan* vpon them, or by casting about, meete them in the midway homeward: and therefore gaue order immediatly that the Souldiours should leaue their spoyle behind them, to the ende they might not ouer-charge themselues with carriage: to which they were obedient, taking nothing with them, but those things which were light & easie of carriage. Thus they returned safely to *Deepe*, without tarrying, shewing therein a notable fore-sight that Sir *Roger* had to preuent the comming of the enimie: who as it is credibly reported, came with a great power to meete thē in the midst of the high way, but Sir *Roger* & his troupes, were gone past foure houres before; by meanes whereof, the Enemie (God be thanked) was preuented of his purpose, and lost his labour.

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